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SUBJECT: ACQUISITION OF SEIZED OPIUM FOR MEDICAL

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REQUIREMENTS

1. US MANUFACTURERS INDICATE THEY ARE WILLING TO ACQUIRE OPIUM SEIZED FROM ILLICIT TRAFFIC.
2. REQUEST US MISSIONS AT ADDRESSEE POSTS INFORM APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES OF INTEREST US MANUFACTURERS IN ACQUIRING SEIZED OPIUM IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 24 OF THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961 (TO WHICH COUNTRIES WHERE YOU ARE RESIDENT ARE PARTIES). ARTICLE 24 (5) (B) PERMITS ANY PARTY TO EXPORT OPIUM SEIZED IN THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC TO ANOTHER PARTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONVENTION.
3. ACQUIRING SEIZED OPIUM OFFERS COUNTRIES AN ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE TO SEIZE SUCH OPIUM BECAUSE IT HAS A HIGH LEGITIMATE VALUE AT A TIME WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DEMAND FOR OPIUM FOR PHARMACEUTICAL USE.
4. WHENEVER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED THAT A GOVERNMENT HAS AVAILABLE SEIZED OPIUM FOR SALE, US MISSION SHOULD VERIFY OPIUM AVAILABLE WAS " SEIZED IN THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC".

ARTICLE 24 LIMITS THOSE PARTIES AUTHORIZED TO PRODUCE OPIUM FOR EXPORT TO THREE CATEGORIES: A) PARTIES THAT PRODUCED OPIUM FOR EXPORT DURING THE TEN YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1961; B) PARTIES NOT QUALIFYING UNDER (A) WHICH DESIRE TO PRODUCE FOR EXPORT LESS THAN 5 TONS ANNUALLY, AND WHICH HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED NOTIFICATION TO THE INCB; AND C) PARTIES NOT QUALIFYING UNDER (A) WHICH DESIRE TO PRODUCE FOR EXPORT MORE THAN 5 TONS ANNUALLY, AND WHICH HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED NOTIFICATION TO ECOSOC. OPIUM " SEIZED IN THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC" MUST BE DISTINGUISHED FROM SUPPLIES ACQUIRED BY PREEMPTIVE PURCHASES OR PRODUCED FOR A GOVERNMENT' S OWN INTERNAL USES. WHILE A PARTY' S INTERNAL ACQUISITION OF SUPPLIES OF OPIUM FALLING INTO THE LATTER TWO CATEGORIES MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT REGARD TO ARTICLE 24, A PARTY CANNOT EXPORT THESE SUPPLIES WITHOUT HAVING FIRST FULFILLED THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS OF ONE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED THREE CATEGORIES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 24. HOWEVER, ARTICLE 24 (5) (B) PROVIDES THAT PARTIES EXPORTING SUPPLIES OF OPIUM " SEIZED IN THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC" MAY ENGAGE IN SUCH TRANSACTIONS WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 24. SUBJECT TO THIS VERIFICATION, MISSION SHOULD REPORT BY TELEGRAM ASAP, WEIGHT,

CONDITION, PROBABLE ANHYDROUS MORPHINE ALKALOID CONTENT,
AND THE NAME, TITLE AND ADDRESS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL
HAVING AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH MANUFACTURING
REPRESENTATIVES INTERESTED IN ACQUISITION OF THE OPIUM.

5. WITH INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MISSION, BUREAU OF
NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS WILL NOTIFY US
MANUFACTURERS WHO CAN THEN PROCEED TO NEGOTIATE
INDEPENDENTLY WITH FOREIGN OFFICIAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF
SEIZED OPIUM.

6. FOR GENEVA: IF YOU BELIEVE US MISSIONS IN OTHER
COUNTRIES SHOULD ALSO BE ALERTED, REQUEST YOUR ADVICE. RUSH

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